



*May 2014 Newsletter*

**Regular Meeting Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, Lions' Room, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

**Guest Speaker: Kenton Seth of Colorado  
Alpines/Natives of the American West**

\$5 at the door includes entry in the plant draw and coffee/tea.

**Doors open at 12:30pm. Talk from 1:00 - 3:00**

Help from members is always appreciated to set up refreshments  
and to clean up the facility after the meeting.

**MEETING REMINDERS: \*\*Don't forget your Mug. \*\*Please wear a Name Tag.**

**Meeting Agenda**

Introduction of Speaker- Valerie Melanson  
Kenton Seth  
Questions  
Refreshments  
Draw

**Goodies for the May meeting:** Suzanne, Elaine, Karen, Jo, Sue and Linda. (Please contact Barbara [bkulla@shaw.ca](mailto:bkulla@shaw.ca) or 250 752 6359 if you will not be at the meeting.)

**May plant draw Theme:** *Alpines/Natives of the American West* - Kenton Seth will be discussing Alpines/Natives of the American West. If you have a plant to donate, native to the Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming area, please let Marion [mandosumm@gmail.com](mailto:mandosumm@gmail.com) or Valerie [melanson.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:melanson.valerie@gmail.com) know before the meeting.

## *AGCVI Gathering at June's- 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2014*

No regular meeting was scheduled.

Some updates and chat-time provided at coffee time:

Valerie: Kenton Seth posters were distributed at this gathering.

The banner has been ordered and should be available the end of April. Consideration needs to be given regarding the banner's support. It comes with stick on grommets, but we may want it to be free standing sometimes - Poles? Frame? This will be discussed further later.

Nametags are available 40 for \$7.50 each. Should we wait and include this in next year's membership? We will ask the members at the next regular meeting. If we order less, the rate will increase: example \$8 if ordering 20

Louise updated us on the farmer's market and the upcoming MARS plant sale. Plants for the farmer's market should be to June's for pricing on May 22<sup>nd</sup> before Friday at the very latest! Set up by 8:15 on Saturday. List circulated to have 2 people on site.

June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting is to be a garden tour- member's gardens open to members only.

July meeting is Cliff Booker; August hypertufa bowls.

Margo invited members to join her in going to the UBC Alpine Gardens (one car only.)

Draw.

### *AGCVI Information Items*

*Deadline for submissions to **The Crevice** and the **Newsletter** is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

Newsletter Editor- Jo Graham, [jograham5@gmail.com](mailto:jograham5@gmail.com)

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**AGCVI Website:** [www.alpinegardenersofCVI.wordpress.com](http://www.alpinegardenersofCVI.wordpress.com)

The password to get into the Members Only area is **gentian**.

Please give input about the website to Sue Beatty [sugarbeatty@gmail.com](mailto:sugarbeatty@gmail.com).

**AGCVI Plant Sale Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** - 8:30 to 12:00 at QB Farmers' Market.

*Friday, May 23-* plant donations should be brought to June's after 1:00 pm. Please stay to help with pricing and tidying up if you can. If you *can't* deliver your plants on Friday afternoon, please contact June [normjune@shaw.ca](mailto:normjune@shaw.ca) to set up a delivery day and time with her.

*Saturday morning-* Elaine and Louise will transport the plants to the Farmers' Market.

**A visit to Bernie Guyader's Garden**, 1965 6th St E, Courtenay, is planned for **Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Bernie's garden contains rock gardens, troughs, bonsai, rhododendrons, a pond, an alpine meadow and lots more.

Afterwards we will go to the Comox Recreation Centre to look at the rock garden designed and planted by Danny Fortin.

Those from Nanoose, PV and south QB can meet at June's (1980 Island Highway) at 12:30 pm to car-pool. For those further north, we can arrange a meeting place. Please let June [normjune@shaw.ca](mailto:normjune@shaw.ca) know if you would like to go on this trip

Our annual hike to *Paradise Meadows* is being planned for a Monday in **July**. Date will be determined by the succession of wildflower blooms. Please contact June if you are interested in further details.

Our annual *Whistler trip* is planned for **August 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**. You must make your own hotel arrangements. Please contact June for further details.

*Garden in a Bottle?* Barbara found two 5 gallon glass carboys in her garden shed. If you would like one (or two), please contact Barbara at [bkulla@shaw.ca](mailto:bkulla@shaw.ca) or 250 752 6359

***AGCVI Members are invited to join Nanoose Garden Club Bus Tour to the Cowichan Valley, Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>***

**Itinerary: 9 am** Depart: Nanoose Place

**10 am** Arrive Teafarm: Presentation of Teafarm complemented by Tea plus Sweet pairing, offering a variety of original Teafarm tea blends served alongside tea infused shortbread cookie and chocolate truffle. <http://www.teafarm.ca/>

**12-ish** Arrive Mayo Creek Gardens: Guests to take own picnic lunch and sit-upon. Tea will be served and includes 2 pieces of cake, 2 cookies, a piece of fruit and unlimited amounts of herbal tea such as Tea Farm's 'Mad Hatter' or 'Year of the Horse' among others, plus coffee. Visit includes a tour of the gardens. <http://mayocreekgardens.ca/>

**3-ish** Arrive Hazelwood Herb Farm -A self-guided tour is available. Tea and cake will be served in the orchard. <http://www.hazelwoodherbfarm.com/>

**5-ish** Arrive back at Nanoose Place Cost: \$50

June 11th is the last day to book for the tour, as well as the last day for a refund if cancellation is necessary. For those interested, please contact Liz Holme, President, to make arrangements: [eholme@shaw.ca](mailto:eholme@shaw.ca) or [250-468-7237](tel:250-468-7237)

#### **Summer Meetings:**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** 12:30 Mini-garden tour - member's gardens open to members only

**July 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Guest speaker- Cliff Booker

**August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Hypertufa bowls

**Goodies' Sign-up:** Please contact Barbara [bkulla@shaw.ca](mailto:bkulla@shaw.ca) or 250 752 6359 if you are able to bring cookies to the June or July meeting.

**Summer plant draws:** Please contact Marion [mandosumm@gmail.com](mailto:mandosumm@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING 2014 AGCVI EVENTS-Please mark your calendar!**

**Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:** Mini Garden Tour

**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, REGULAR AGCVI MEETING with Guest Speaker CLIFF BOOKER from UK**

**Monday, August 11 to Thursday, August 14 - EXPEDITION TO WHISTLER**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:** Hypertufa

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:** Round Robin - Nanoose Place

**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> : REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:** AGM

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

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